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Viewing cable 03COLOMBO2200, AMBASSADOR DELIVERS SECRETARY'S LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
03COLOMBO2200	2003-12-31 10:13	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Colombo

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/the-india-cables/article1551029.ece>

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DEPARTMENT FOR D, SA, SA/INS
NSC FOR E. MILLARD

E.O. 12958: DECL: 12/31/13
TAGS: [PGOV](#) [PREL](#) [PINS](#) [CE](#) [NO](#) [JA](#) [EU](#) [IN](#) [LTTE](#)
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR DELIVERS SECRETARY'S LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER
REF: STATE 348253

¶1. (C) SUMMARY: Ambassador delivered letter from the Secretary to the Prime Minister on Dec 31. PM was SIPDIS appreciative of the statement issued by the Department following Moragoda meeting with the Deputy Secretary. Ambassador told the PM that

Secretary's Letter Delivered
SIPDIS

¶2. (C) Ambassador called on Prime Minister Wickremasinghe on Dec 31 to deliver letter from Secretary Powell (reftel). The Department stateme

¶3. (C) Ambassador asked if any progress was being made on an agreement with the President. PM said that the President did not seem to know wh
Indian Suggestions

¶4. (C) Ambassador asked if there was any hope in the idea reportedly being floated by Indian High Commissioner Sen of the creation of a regic
Making Letter Public

¶5. (C) The PM asked if we intended to make the letters to him and the President public, and Ambassador said we did not. PM asked if he could
President's Office Calls

¶6. (C) President's media adviser Harim Peiris called Ambassador first thing Wednesday morning after stories about Department statement had ap
COMMENT

¶7. (C) The PM seemed relaxed, buoyed up by our reassurances that we understood clearly where the fault for the current crisis lay. His state
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